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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 20, 2022
10:30 a.m. Blatt Room 321

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.7, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly’s website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on Committee Postings and Reports, then under House Standing Committees click on Legislative Oversight. Then, click on Video Archives for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

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Attendance

- I. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Jeffrey E. “Jeff” Johnson on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All subcommittee members (Chair Johnson; Representative Kambrell H. Garvin; Representative Max T. Hyde, Jr.; Representative Michael F. Rivers, Sr.) were present for all or a portion of the meeting.

Minutes

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings.

Approval of Minutes

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- I. Representative Gavin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from prior meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Garvin's motion to approve meeting minutes.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Garvin	✓		
Rep. Hyde	✓		
Rep. Rivers	✓		
Rep. J. Johnson	✓		

Discussion of State Library

- I. Chair Johnson reminded State Library personnel that they remain under oath.
- II. Chair Johnson noted Ms. Jennifer Cunningham, a State Library board member was in attendance.
- III. Director Leesa Aiken and Deputy Director Chris Yates continued to provide an overview of agency operations. Topics of discussion include:
 - a. SCLends (20 participating libraries access to collections);
 - b. Discus (subscription educational databases for K-12 community);
 - i. eLearning Pilot Program;
 - ii. PASCAL (Partnership among South Carolina Academic Libraries)
 - iii. Resources for
 1. unemployed and underemployed citizens
 2. non-English speakers
 3. public
 4. state employees
 5. state legislators
 - c. Summer reading program coordination
 - d. Read to succeed summer camp book awards to public libraries
 - e. ReadSC projects: Read-In
 - f. StoryfestSC
 - g. Homework Help Center and Broadband Expansion Project Program

- h. Young Minds Dreaming Poetry Contest
 - i. ReadSC: Letters about Literature
 - j. SC Plants the Seed
 - k. Talking Book
 - i. Services
 - ii. Collection
 - iii. Annual student art contest
 - iv. Annual signature public program
 - v. Vision education partnership participation
 - vi. Patron statistics
 - vii. Collaborations
 - viii. Volunteer program
 - l. Recommended legislative changes
 - m. Internal operations process flow charts
- IV. Subcommittee members asked questions relating to the following:
- a. SC Lends costs;
 - b. Discuss;
 - i. participation rates
 - ii. read along capability for foreign language learning
 - iii. negotiation process for contracts
 - iv. access by non-state residents
 - v. marketing to students about resources
 - vi. filters for searching
 - vii. analytics for student usage
 - viii. homeschool resources
 - ix. marketing to families about resources
 - x. online training
 - xi. home access
 - xii. Password accessibility by request
 - c. eLearning Pilot Program;
 - i. results
 - d. PASCAL (Partnership among South Carolina Academic Libraries)
 - i. Length of partnership
 - ii. Savings realized
 - e. Resources for unemployed and underemployed citizens
 - i. Data
 - ii. Partnership with Department of Employment and Workforce
 - f. Summer reading program
 - i. Participation
 - ii. Data
 - g. ReadSC Project: Read In

- i. Feasibility of mailing books to students
 - ii. Date for 2023
 - iii. Regional events
- h. StoryfestSC
 - i. Homework Help Center and Broadband Expansion Project Program
 - ii. Deployment of devices
- i. Talking Book Services
 - i. Challenges
- j. Law recommendations approval by board
 - i. Board qualifications
- k. Agency process flow charts
- l. Vacancies
- m. User experience audit of agency's website
- n. Collaborations with the Department of Archives and History
- o. Storage preservation
- p. Donations of collections
- q. Issues raised by agency personnel
- r. Issues raised by constituents
- s. Consulting
- t. Programming at the State Library and funding
- u. Library membership associations

Agency staff responded to the members' questions.

Adoption of Findings and Recommendations

- I. Representative Hyde made a motion to approve the findings and recommendations as presented. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Garvin's motion to approve meeting minutes.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Garvin	✓		
Rep. Hyde	✓		
Rep. Rivers	✓		
Rep. J. Johnson	✓		

- II. Chair Johnson directed staff to draft the Subcommittee study and provide a copy to all subcommittee members by end of business on Friday, October 14, 2022.

- III. If any member would like to provide a written statement for inclusion in the report, the deadline for providing those statements is by end of business on Friday, October 7, 2022.
- IV. Chair Johnson noted he would provide notice to the full committee that the study was available for consideration, unless he receives a written request for another meeting from a subcommittee member prior to end of business on Friday, October 14, 2022.

Adjournment

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.
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